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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 1196

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, XZ, CZ
SUBJECT: CALLS BY SUDANESE AND TUNISIAN AMBASSADORS

1. FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE OF INTEREST FROM COURTESY CALLS
ON ME BY SUDANESE AMBASSADOR EL RASHEED ABU SAMA AND
TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR ZOUHIR CHELLY MAY 6.
2. A. ARMS: SAMA SAID THAT THE SUDAN IS BUYING NO
MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA; BULK OF ITS ARMS HAS
COME FROM USSR. SAMA ASSERTED, HOWEVER, THAT CZECHOSLOVAK
FACTORIES ARE MAKING SPARE PARTS FOR US EQUIPMENT OWNED BY
ETHOOPIANS.

B. PLO: SAMA SAID THAT THE PLO DELEGATION WHICH MET WITH
AN ISRAELI CP DELEGATION IN PRAGUE MAY 4 (PRAGUE 1168 NOTEL)
HAD COME TO PRAGUE TO ATTEND MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS.

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THE ISRAELIS WERE HERE TO ATTEND "PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SOCIALISM"
SYMPOSIUM APRIL 28-29.

C. CREDIT: GOC IS PROVIDING SUDAN US DOLS 20 MILLION IN
COMMERCIAL CREDITS.

3. A. CHELLY SAID THAT THE TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WANTED

TO VISIT PRAGUE IN MAY, BUT WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD NOT BE RECEIVED UNTIL JUNE SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK WILL BE ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT HUSAK ON VISITS TO ALGERIA (END OF MAY)--AND POSSIBLY SYRIA AND IRAQ. CHELLY PERSONALLY THOUGHT THAT THIS SEEMED AN UNLIKELY TRI OF COUNTRIES TO INCLUDE IN ONE TRIP. CHELLY ALSO HAS HEARD REPORTS THAT CHNOUPEK MAY SOON VISIT LIBYA AND ANGOLA--AND POSSIBLY ETHIOPIA.

B. AFRICAN AFFAIRS: CHELLY SAID THAT AN ETHIOPIAN MILITARY DELEGATION WAS HERE RECENTLY TO ARRANGE FOR SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING. HE EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM(WHICH EMBASSY SHARES) OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF CZECHOSLOVAK PRODUCTION OF SPARES FOR US EQUIPMENT IN ETHIOPIA. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD, BUT COULD NOT CONFIRM, THAT A NUMBER OF CP DELEGATIONS THAT HAD BEEN HERE TO ATTEND THE "PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SOCIALISM" SYMPOSIUM STAYED ON TO REVIEW THE CHINESE ROLE IN AFRICA.

C. CREDIT: GOC HAS PLEDGED TUNISIA US DOLS 100 MILLION IN COMMERCIAL CREDITS AND HAS ALREADY MADE DOLS 30 MILLION AVAILABLE. AS WITH THE CREDIT TO SUDAN, SOME OF THIS WILL GO FOR PURCHASE HERE OF SUGAR REFINERIES.

D. SUTDENTS: THERE ARE ABOUT 40 STUDENTS HERE FROM TUNISIA. CHELLY IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THEIR BECOMING COMMUNISTS, SINCE HE FEELS LIVING IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY IS THE BEST ANTIDOTE AGAINST COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

4. COMMENT: BOTH THESE AMBASSADORS GAVE ME WHAT IS BECOMING STANDARD PITCH FROM MY AFRICAN COLLEAGUES--THAT USG IS INSUFFICIENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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INVOLVED IN AFRICA AND MUST DO MORE TO HALT SOVIET INCURSIONS THERE.

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